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Introduction: Four Mobile Clinics in Northern Syria

The Idlib governorate is home to 3 million people, of which 2 million are in need of humanitarian aid. The humanitarian situation is dire. Hospitals are understaffed; medicine and medical equipment are unavailable; parents and children are in desperate need of life-saving care.

In partnership with Islamic Relief, UOSSM has established 4 mobile clinics in the Idlib governorate, which aim to improve the accessibility of primary health care services. Mobile clinics can provide medical care to isolated communities to whom a hospital or medical facility is not accessible. Moreover, the mobile clinics provide essential mental and community health services to both internally-displaced Syrians and their host communities. The project ran from May-August 2018, and has been extended recently.

The establishment of these mobile clinics would not have been possible without your help and support.

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Budget and Expenses

UOSSM has erected four mobile clinics which serve citizens in Northern Syria. The budget for this project totaled \$99,993.00, which was used to finance:

1. The operating cost of the mobile clinics (example: fuel)
2. Purchase of consumables, medicine, and equipment
3. Employee salaries for doctors and support staff working at the mobile clinic.

The clinics offered many services such as primary health care, support for patients of malnutrition, advocacy for community health and mental health support services. The table below shows the monthly and cumulative beneficiaries.

Table 1

<i>Provision of primary healthcare services</i>	Month of August 2018	Cumulative from May-Aug
Number of consultations for patients in the mobile clinics	16,404	49,238
Number of beneficiaries receiving health supplies	9,992	31,958

Human Resources: Integrated Clinic Staff

The graph below showcases the number of staff employed in the clinics.

Each integrated clinic consists of the following staff members:

- General Practitioner
- Midwife
- Nurse
- Community Health Worker, Personal Support Worker and Nutrition Technician
- Additional Support Staff

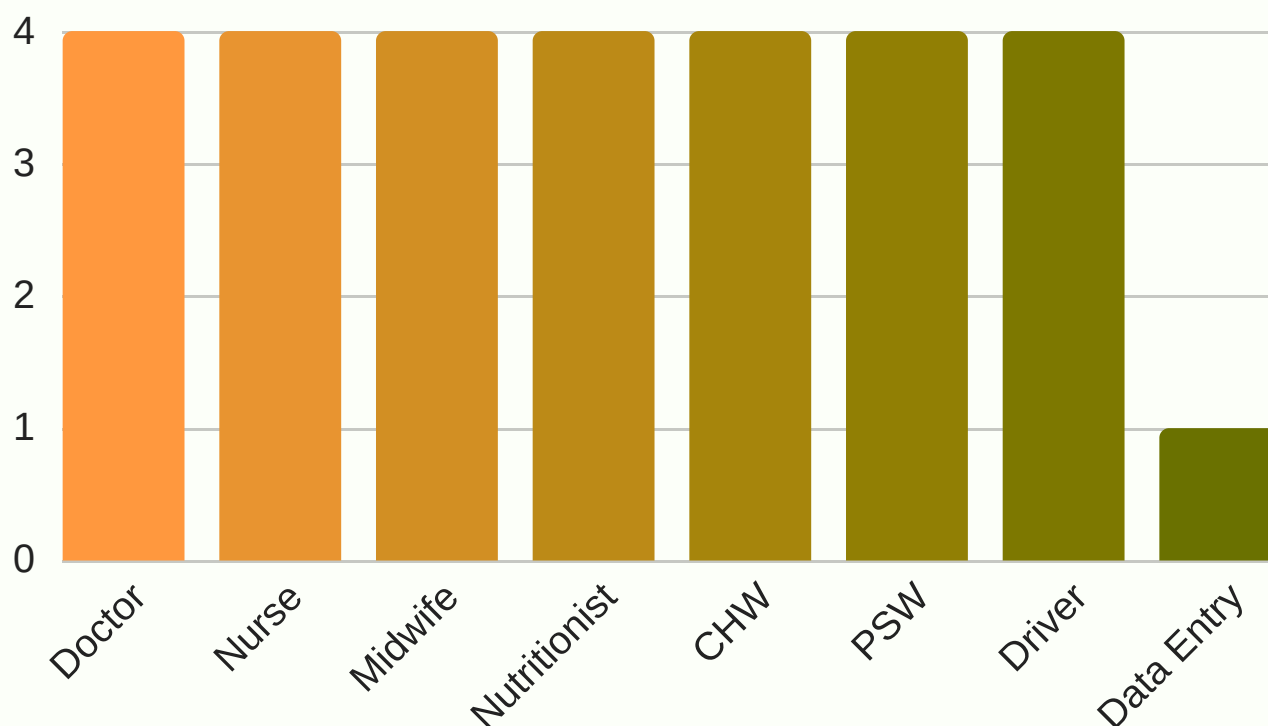


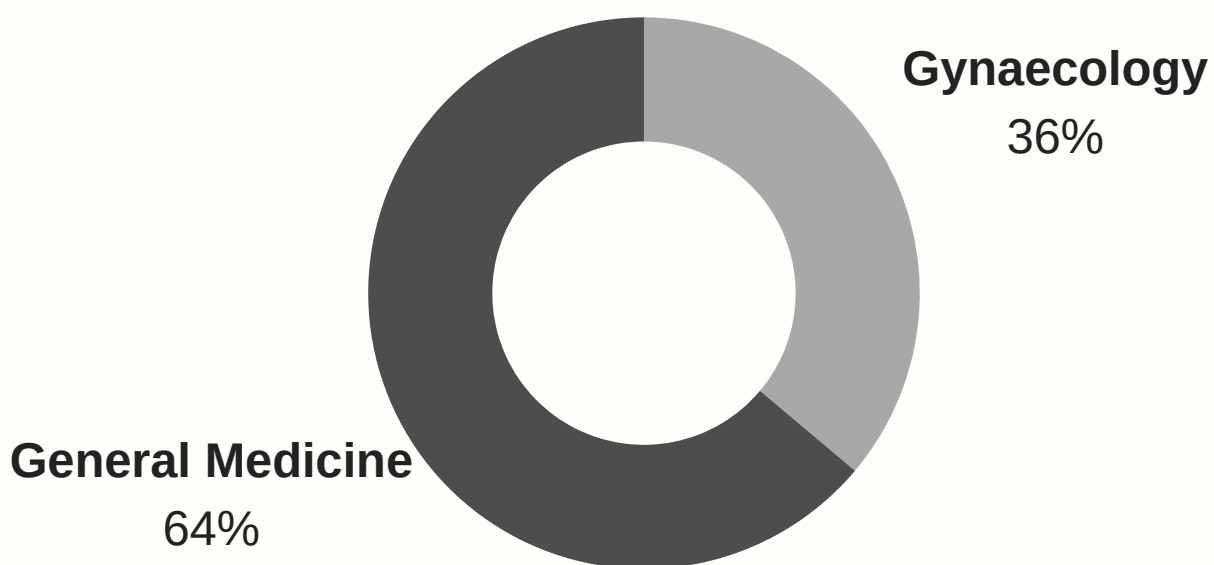
Figure 1

Number of Consultations in Clinics

The mobile clinics are an integral part of primary healthcare in Idlib, because they provide health services to remote communities, displaced families, and other vulnerable communities. The majority of the beneficiaries are internally displaced and below the poverty line.

Of 4,623 consultations in clinics, nearly two-thirds (2,952) of them were in general medicine and one-third (1,671) of them were in the area of gynecology.

Figure 2

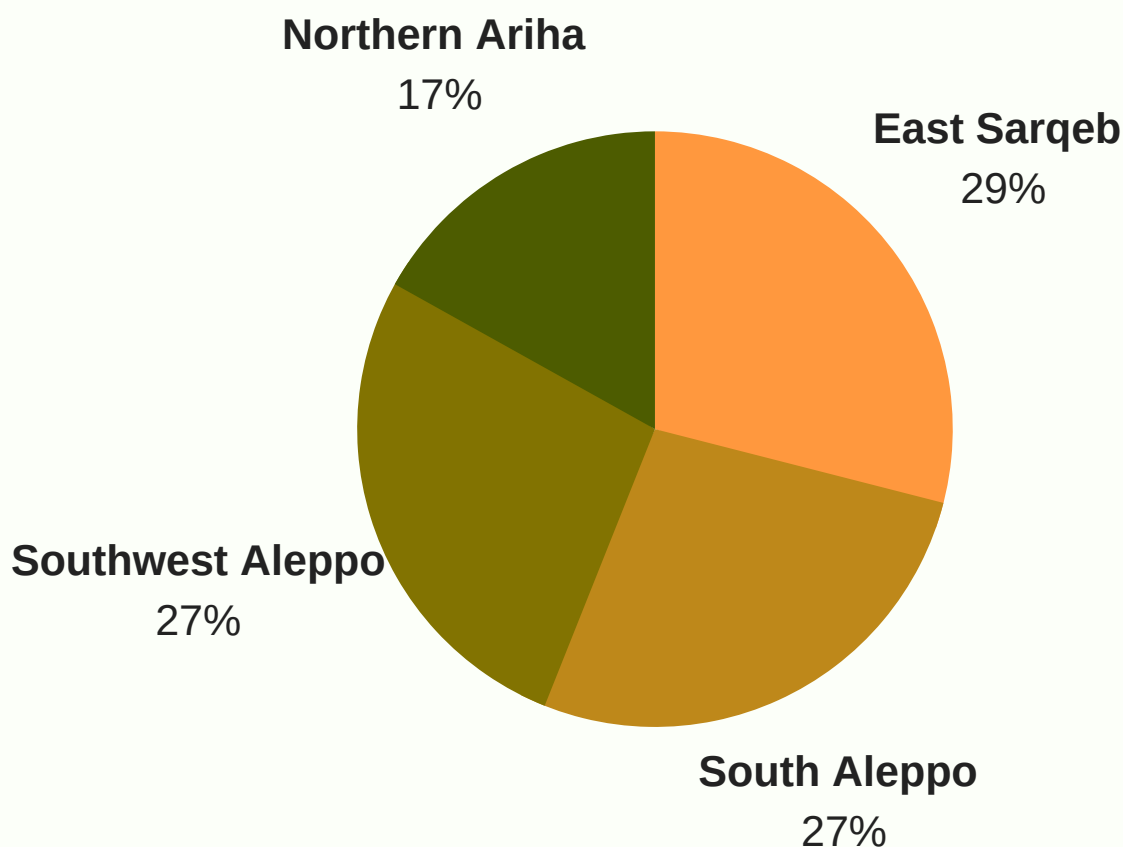


Mental Health Consultations in Clinics

Mental health consultations were conducted in the following cities:

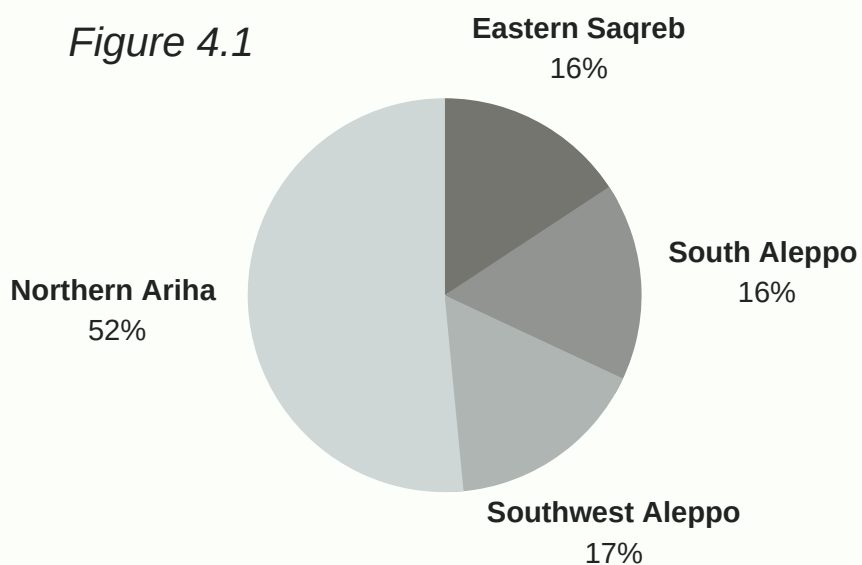
- Eastern rural of Saqreb saw 60 consultations
- Southwestern rural of Aleppo saw 56 consultations
- Southern rural of Aleppo saw 56 consultations
- North of Ariha saw 35 consultations

Figure 3



Nutrition and Community Health Consultations in Clinics

Figure 4.1



Nutrition Consultations

Out of 8,678 nutrition consultations, the following were done in these cities:

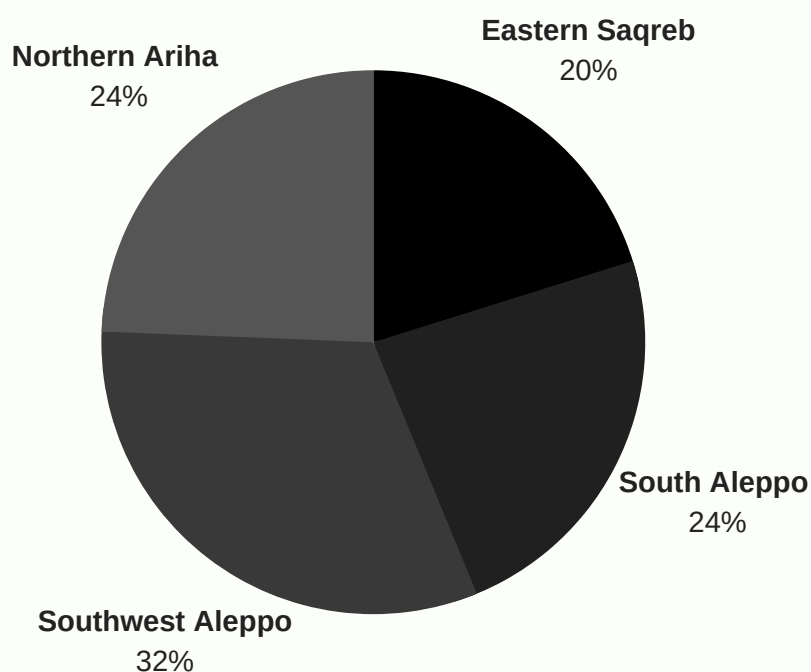
- Eastern Saqreb: 1365
- South-west rural Aleppo: 1433
- Southern rural Aleppo: 1408
- Northern Ariha: 4472

Figure 4.2

Community Health Consultations

Out of 2,896 community health consultations, the following were done in these cities:

- Eastern Saqreb: 584
- South-west rural Aleppo: 922
- Southern rural Aleppo: 684
- Northern Ariha: 706

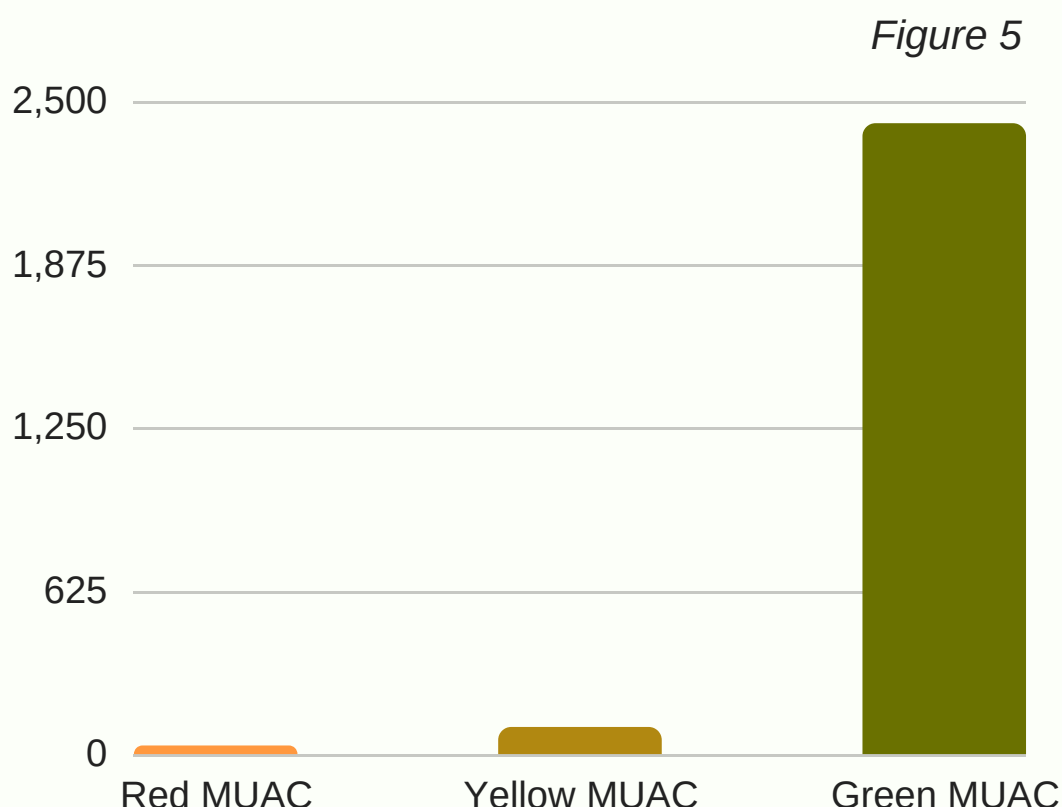


Number of MUAC Cases

MUAC, or Middle-Upper Arm Circumference, is used for the assessment of nutritional status. It is reportedly the best indicator of malnutrition and infant mortality.

- Red MUAC refers to acute malnutrition, consisting of 33 cases.
- Yellow MUAC refers to moderate malnutrition, consisting of 104 cases.
- Green MUAC indicates well nourished, consisting of 2,418 cases.

Mobile community health teams examined all children between the ages of 6-59 months, pregnant and nursing woman. Accordingly, the patients were provided with nutrition counseling and treatment. Children and mothers with moderate to severe acute malnutrition received Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food such as Plumpy'Nut. .



Total Diseases: Chronic

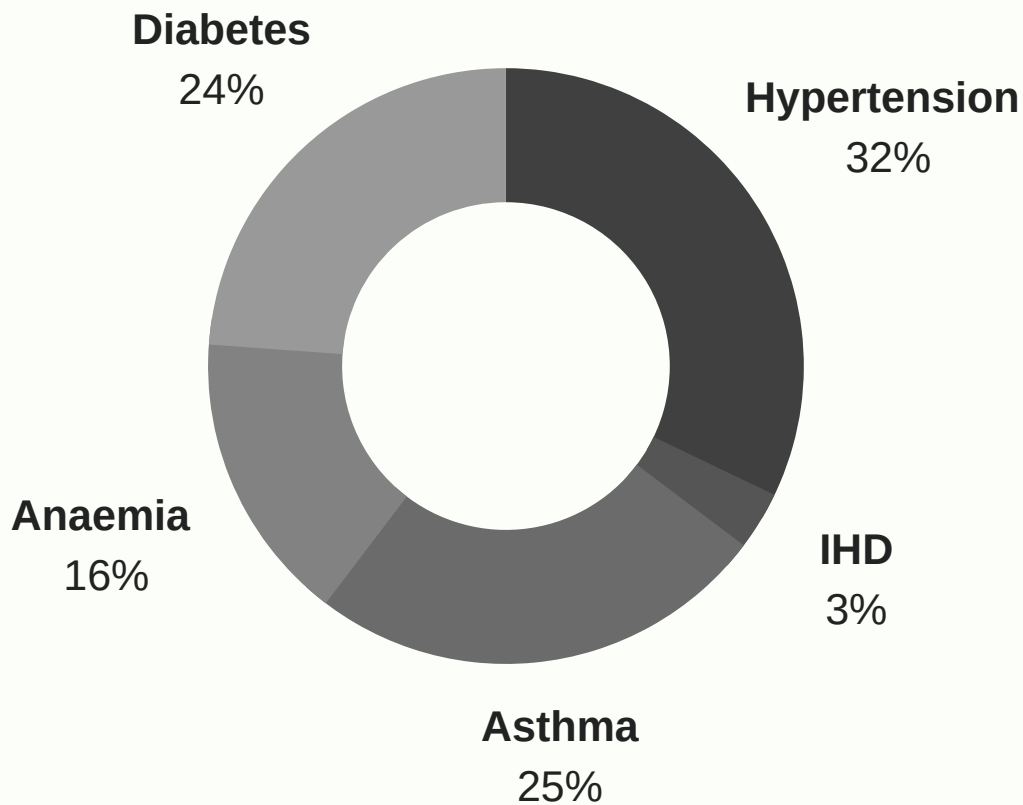


Figure 6

The total number of chronic diseases are the following:

- Anaemia: 65 cases
- Asthma: 103 cases
- Ischemic Heart Disease (IHD): 13 cases
- Hypertension: 132 cases
- Diabetes: 98 cases

Total Diseases: Infectious

Figure 7.1

Non-epidemic diseases

Typhoid: 19 cases

Salmonellosis: 88 cases

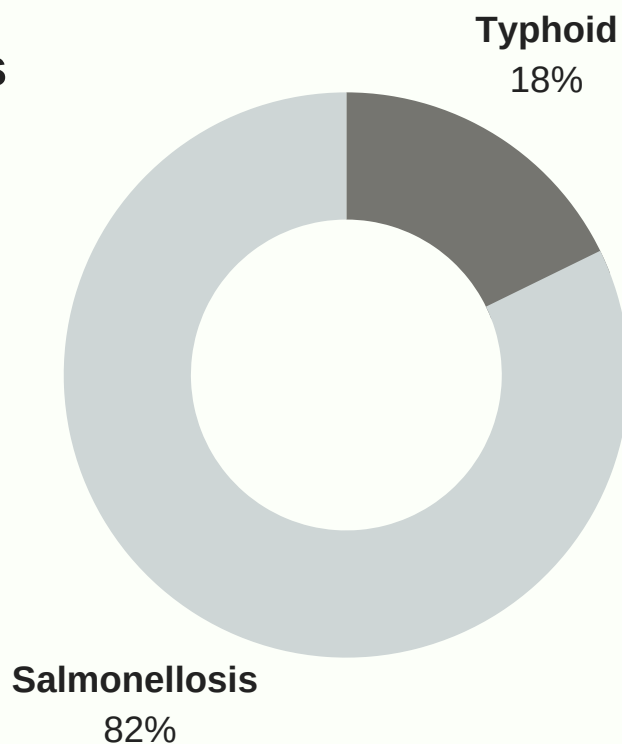


Figure 7.2

Epidemic diseases

